3. Computerisation of Telephone Billing and phasing out of old telephone exchanges by installing new Electronic Exchanges are expected to further reduce the incidence of complaints.

(e) Due to heavy calls generated by STD PCOs this message is connected on some routes. This message is also connected in case there is any link failure on some routes. But, in general this message is not connected on trunk calls.

(f) The congestion condition is regularly monitored and action is taken to remove such congestion by adding more lines.

Interception of Telephone Messages Permitted by DOT

4236. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the conditions under which interception of telephone message is permitted by the Department of Telecommunications;

(b) whether the Department of Telecommunications preserves the requisition orders issued by the authorised officers under the Indian Telegraph Act; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the telephones of M.Ps were allowed to be intercepted by the Department of Telecommunications and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Sir, interception of telephone messages is permitted by Department of Telecom as per provisions of Section 5(2) of Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 on receipt of requisitions from authorised officers of Central/State Governments.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Department only extends technical arrangements to place those numbers under interception which are specifically ordered by the competent authority as authorised under the Indian Telegraph Act.

कानपुर की टेलीफोन सलाहकार समिति में सदस्यों का नाम-निर्देशन

4237. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कानपुर दूरसंचार के महाप्रबन्धक ने टेलीफोन सलाहकार समिति के लिये विधान परिषद् के एक सदस्य का नाम-निर्देशन किये जाने हेतु विधान परिषद् से अनुरोध किया है ;

(ख) क्या विधान परिषद् सचिवालय ने किसी नाम का प्रस्ताव किया है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सदस्य को टेलीफोन सलाहकार समिति में आमंत्रित किया गया है ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

संचार मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पी०वी० रंगैया नायडू) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) जी हां ।

(ग) और (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता क्योंकि तत्कालीन सरकार ने प्रस्तावित नाम का अनुमोदन नहीं किया था, तथापि कानपुर के लिए टेलीफोन सलाहकार समिति का पुनर्गठन 6 जुलाई, 1992 को कर दिया गया है ।

Gradation of FAX Machines

4238. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the policy adopted by his Ministry for gradation of various types of FAX machines and purchase of various types of machines by Government/Semi-Government Departments;